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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Kazunori MUKASA : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO.: New Application :
FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: OPTICAL FIBER AND WAVELENGTH
DIVISION MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION LINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 8-11, with the following text:

The RDF 1 illustrated in FIG. 1A has a center core 11, a side core layer (or a depressed layer) 12 formed around the same, and a cladding layer 13 formed around the side core layer 12.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Submitted herewith is a separate LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR
DRAWING CHANGES, submitting for approval changes to Figure 1A. Specifically, Figure
1A has been amended to delete the legend "PRIOR ART".

In the specification, typographical error has been corrected.

Examination on the merits of Claims 1-20 is believed to be in order, and an early and
favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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SIR:

Please review for approval the proposed changes to the Formal Drawings shown in **RED** on the attached photocopy of the drawings.

Once these changes have been reviewed and approved by the Examiner in charge of this case, instructions for their implementation will be forwarded to an approved bonded draftsman.

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FIG. 1A
~~(PRIOR ART)~~

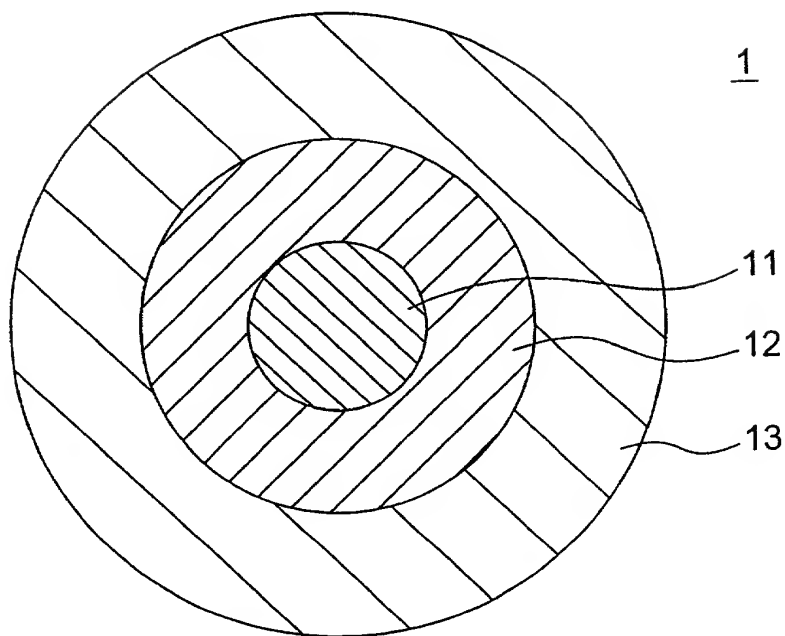


FIG. 1B

